

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

WAYMO LLC,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	Case No.
)	3:17-cv-00939-WHA
UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,)	
OTTOMOTTO LLC; OTTO)	
TRUCKING LLC,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

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1 Q Do you know whether Tyto Lidar, prior to
2 its acquisition, had done any LiDAR work in relation
3 to autonomous vehicles?

4 A I don't know for sure. I do know that
5 they've done LiDAR development, if I recall -- 03:22:05
6 remember to a mapping. And maybe some of it could
7 be repurposed. But I believe they were focusing on
8 mapping primarily.

9 Q Was acquiring Tyto Uber's idea or Otto's?

10 A I think it was -- I'm actually not sure. I 03:22:35
11 think it was Otto's, but I'm not sure for certain.

12 Q Okay. You weren't involved in that
13 decision-making --

14 A I was.

15 Q -- for Otto? 03:22:51

16 A My involvement as it relates to Tyto was
17 mostly twofold. One is I've helped procure or get
18 sampling from Tyto for the Otto engineers to examine
19 and sort of see what they think about it before the
20 acquisition. 03:23:13

21 And then once the examination came back
22 positive and the team was excited about doing
23 something with them, I help on some of the
24 negotiation or mostly facilitating that transaction.

25 Q Who -- who would you be -- who were you 03:23:31

1 negotiating with?

2 A On the -- on the Tyto side?

3 Q Yeah.

4 A I think the primary point of contact on the
5 Tyto side was Ognen. I don't know how to pronounce 03:23:45
6 his last name.

7 Q Okay. And now, Tyto Lidar was Mr.
8 Levandowski's company, wasn't it?

9 MR. PATCHEN: Objection to form.

10 MR. HUME: Objection to form. 03:24:05

11 THE WITNESS: Tyto Lidar?

12 BY MR. PERLSON:

13 Q Yes.

14 A Not that I'm aware.

15 Q You're not aware of any affiliation that 03:24:10
16 Mr. Levandowski had with Tyto Lidar?

17 MR. PATCHEN: Objection to the form.

18 MR. HUME: Join.

19 THE WITNESS: Not aware of any of those
20 affiliations. I was aware that he knew Ognen in 03:24:19
21 some friendly capacity from the DARPA days. I think
22 they were working together. I saw a picture in some
23 magazine of both of them. I think they were part of
24 the same team maybe working on the motorcycle. So I
25 was aware of that. And I was aware Anthony knew at 03:24:48

1 least some of the team.

2 BY MR. PERLSON:

3 Q Okay. So -- so do you know who owned Tyto
4 Lidar when Otto purchased it?

5 A I don't know for certain. Ognen was 03:25:11
6 representing essentially the ownership, and we were
7 doing the entire negotiation with him.

8 Q Okay. But you didn't know who the
9 ownership was?

10 A I knew that Ognen is representing that, and 03:25:27
11 I knew that basically he's the point of contact to
12 negotiate whatever agreement we came up with.

13 Q Okay. But you sought no information
14 concerning who actually owned Tyto Lidar?

15 MR. PATCHEN: Objection to form. 03:25:42

16 THE WITNESS: I think I have sought or we
17 have sought from the lawyer some information from
18 him about ownership. And I think -- I don't recall
19 the specifics. I think some of it, it ended up as
20 part of the deal documents. And we have actually 03:26:05
21 submitted those deal documents or shared them with
22 Uber as well, because at that point, Uber -- this
23 was post definitive, preacquisition, so Uber was
24 informed on the negotiation. So we've done that.

25 BY MR. PERLSON: 03:26:28

1 of communication between you and Mr. Levandowski
2 while he was at Uber?

3 A I don't know if preferred --

4 (Reporter clarification.)

5 I'm trying to think if there was a 04:33:26
6 preferred way. Anthony was very busy, so a lot of
7 our communications were verbal when he was actually
8 at the office. That probably have been the main
9 communication method.

10 Q Did you ever use Telegram with Mr. 04:33:51
11 Levandowski?

12 A I have used Telegram with Anthony later
13 on --

14 Q When was that?

15 A -- in some capacity. 04:34:03

16 Q First of all, what do you understand
17 Telegram to be?

18 A Instant messaging.

19 Q Okay. And are there any particular
20 attributes of Telegram that may be different than 04:34:14
21 other instant messaging apps?

22 A I think it's more secure, more encrypted.

23 Q Do -- are messages sent with Telegram
24 saved?

25 A I think you can either save them, or I 04:34:36

1 think there's maybe an option to also not save them.

2 Q Okay. And do you know which option Mr.
3 Levandowski used?

4 A I'm -- I don't know for certain. I think
5 definitely there were messages that were not saved. 04:34:59
6 I think there was also messages that saved, but I'm
7 not sure exactly how Telegram works in terms of
8 saving or not.

9 Q How about on your end, do the messages that
10 you've had with Mr. Levandowski, did you use 04:35:12
11 Telegram in a manner that your communications would
12 be saved or not saved?

13 A I don't know for certain 'cause I rarely go
14 back and check messages. I think some of the
15 communication, 'cause I remember there was some sort 04:35:38
16 of like message on the messages that it's expiring,
17 I know at least some were not saved.

18 Q Okay. And what time frame did that occur
19 in that some messages with Mr. Levandowski would not
20 be saved? 04:35:58

21 A What time frame in terms of what time of
22 the year or --

23 Q Just like, you know, was this a week ago,
24 three months ago, a year ago?

25 MR. HUME: Object to the form. 04:36:17

1 THE WITNESS: I don't recall exactly when.

2 I think those communications didn't happen in
3 Telegram -- I don't recall using Telegram or being
4 introduced to Telegram at -- before the acquisition.

5 So I think those happened after the acquisition, if 04:36:40
6 I recall correctly.

7 BY MR. PERLSON:

8 Q When's the last time you would have
9 communicated with Mr. Levandowski using Telegram?

10 A I don't remember exactly, but maybe a week 04:36:57
11 or two ago.

12 Q And in your conversations with Mr.
13 Levandowski from a week or two ago, would those
14 messages have expired?

15 A I don't know for certain. I'd have to 04:37:11
16 check.

17 Q You have -- have you done anything in
18 relation to your use of the Telegram app to ensure
19 that messages with Mr. Levandowski are saved?

20 A I have not done anything that will that 04:37:25
21 way.

22 Q Has Uber instructed you to save your
23 communications with Mr. Levandowski?

24 A It has.

25 Q And -- but you haven't done anything to do 04:37:37

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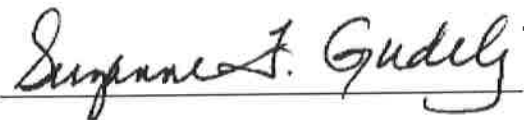
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